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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN SIZE OF ICCS

REF: A) STATE 175749, B) WARSAW 4515

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, DCM CALLED SEPT 6 ON GORINSCHAK, RANKING FONOFF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR ICCS MATTERS, TO CONVEY US POSITION RE SIZE OF ICCS CONTINGENT.

GORINSCHAK EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR CLARIFICATION BUT MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS RE US POSITION.

2. GORINSCHAK DID NOT RESPOND WHEN DCM SAID WE WERE COUNTING ON IMPROVEMENT IN ICCS PERFORMANCE NOW THAT ICCS BEING RESTORED TO FULL STRENGTH. NOR WAS THERE ANY REACTION WHEN DCM COMMZFD THAT CURRENT DRV/PRG EFFORTS TO REDUCE SIZE OF ICCS PART AND PARCEL OF CONSISTENT COMMUNIST EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE ICCS PEACEKEEPING
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ROLE. GORINSCHAK DID, HOWEVER, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT GOH HAD

RECEIVED DRV NOTE RE REDUCTION ICCS DELEGATIONS. HE CENTERED HIS ATTENTION ON WHETHER DRV HAD BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH US RE PROBLEM. SAID GOH AWARE OF REUTERS DISPATCH DATED SEPT 3 (REF B) AND OBSERVED THAT HUNGARIAN PRESS SEPT 5 HAD REPORTED AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN US ON ONE HAND AND DRV AND PRG ON OTHER RE SIZE OF ICCS DELEGATIONS. DCM REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT COMMUNICATIONS, DIRECT OR OTHERWISE, THERE HAD BEEN BETWEEN DRV AND US, BUT UNDERScoreD POINT THAT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THERE HAD BEEN DRV CONTACT WITH US, THERE WAS NO FOUNDATION TO REPORTS FROM WHATEVER SOURCE THAT US HAS REACHED AGREEMENT WITH DRV AND PRG ON REDUCTION IN SIZE ICCS CONTINGENTS.

3. ON WAY OUT OF GORINSCHAK'S OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTION ENDREFFY WHO ACTED AS INTERPRETER DURING MEETING (HE IS MEMBER OF GORINSCHAK'S STAFF) SAID GOH PLANNING TO REPLACE ESZTERGALLYOS SOON AS HEAD GOH ICCS DELEGATION. HE CLAIMED, HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NOT KNOW NAME OF HIS SUCCESSOR. SAID GOH AS WELL AS POLES NOW CRANKING UP TO REPLACE PRESENT DETACHMENTS IN VIETNAM AND COMMENTED THAT, ALTHOUGH PRESENT CONTINGENT NOW IN ITS EIGHTH MONTH, IN GENERAL HUNGARIANS SHOULD NOT REMAIN IN VIETNAM MORE THAN SIX MONTH. IN THIS CONNECTION WE NOTE THAT SPASOWSKI SPOKE ABOUT NEW AMBASSADOR KULAGA HAVING "NORMAL TOUR OF ABOUT SIX MONTHS." THIS CAUSES US TO WONDER WHETHER AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED AMONG COMMUNISTS NOT ONLY THAT SIZE OF ICCS CONTINGENT SHOULD BE CUT DOWN BUT THAT POLES AND HUNGARIANS WILL NOT CONTINUE ICCS PARTICIPATION BEYOND SIX MONTHS AFTER REPLACEMENT PRESENT DELEGATIONS.
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